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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

> 3809 UTU-71001 UTU-71038 (UT-090) JUN 28 2002

Mr. Eldon Virgil Bedrock Stone Company 111 East 100 South (88-15) Blanding, UT 84511

Dear Mr. Virgil:

Our records show that you have active notices on file with this office. The notice numbers are UTU-71001 and UTU-71038. Please refer to these numbers in any future correspondence.

New Surface Management regulations at 43 CFR 3809 regarding notices were effective January 20, 2001. Under the final rule existing notices expire in 2 years, on January 20, 2003. If you wish to extend your notice beyond this date, then you must notify this office in writing. In addition, you must post a financial guarantee for reclamation of your notice operations as required under 43 CFR 3809.503(a) and 3809.552 on or before January 20, 2003. If you do not extend your notice then you must cease operations and promptly reclaim all your disturbances.

Please be aware that we believe the mineral(s) being mined under your notice to be common variety. We will initiate actions to determine the locatability of your deposit in accordance with BLM policy.

The financial guarantee must cover the cost to reclaim your operation as if BLM were hiring a contractor to perform the reclamation. The amount of your financial guarantee must include the cost to reclaim existing disturbance as well as any areas you will disturb under the notice. A detailed reclamation cost estimate must accompany your request to extend your notice. An example of how to calculate your reclamation cost estimate is enclosed (Example: Reclamation Cost Estimate Summary Sheet). However, prior to finalizing your reclamation cost estimate, please call this office to arrange a field inspection of your project area to be sure the cost estimate includes all necessary reclamation activities.

Once the reclamation cost for your operation is determined then an appropriate financial guarantee must be posted with the BLM Utah State Office. See the enclosed information on Surface Management Bond Requirements.

You may request an extension of your existing notices as long as you do not need to modify your notices on file. If you need to modify your notices on file with us to describe the existing operation, outstanding reclamation work, or to change the reclamation plan then a modification is necessary. This is described in the regulations as a material change. "Material changes are changes that disturb areas not described in the existing notice; change your reclamation plan; or result in impacts of a different kind, degree or extent than those described in the existing notice" (43 CFR 3809.331). A material change would require the filing of a new notice for exploration activities under five acres or the filing of a plan of operations exploration activities over five acres or for any mining activity. Please consult with us to determine the appropriate filing for your activity.

If you do not extend your notices on file with us, please contact this office to arrange a field inspection. We will review your reclamation plan with you to ensure that it is current. All reclamation activities must be completed as soon as possible. Your reclamation obligation continues beyond the expiration or any termination of your notices until you satisfy them.

If you have any questions regarding your notices on file with this office, please call Ted McDougall at (435) 587-1512. Thank you for your assistance in bringing your operation into compliance with the new 3809 regulations.

Sincerely,

William Stringer

Acting Field Office Manager

Sherwin M. Sandberg

## 2 Enclosures:

- 1- Example Reclamation Cost Estimate Summary Sheet (pp. 5)
- 2- Surface Management Bond Requirements (pp. 4)

cc: Wayne Hedberg

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